

A SENSATION

Caused by the Paper on "Murderous Millinery" Read in

KING'S DAUGHTERS' MEETING

At the First Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon—Miss Cummins Scores Women for Cruelty in Wearing Borrowed Plumage—Wholesale Slaughter of Beautiful Birds—An Eloquent and Touching Appeal for Nature's Denizens.

The convention of the King's Daughters of West Virginia convened yesterday morning in the lecture room of the Fourth street M. E. church. It was 10 o'clock when the session came to order, opening with the praise service, conducted by Dr. J. L. Sooy.

The first business transacted was the election of the following committee on credentials: Chairman, Mrs. Charles S. Morrison, Wheeling; Miss Boswell-Jepson, Wheeling; Mrs. George B. Caldwell, Wheeling; Mrs. James, Hinton; Mrs. Phelps, Point Pleasant; Mrs. Isabella, Charleston; Miss Davis, of New York, national corresponding secretary, presided. Miss Abbie Ratcliff, of Wheeling, state secretary, submitted the annual report, which showed the order in a prosperous condition. The following corresponding secretaries were added during the year: Miss Lallance, at Huntington; Mrs. J. B. Garden, at Huntington; Mrs. Mary Smith, at Elkins; Miss Ruby Clark, at Mountaineer; Miss Lily Criswell, at the vacant secretary at Mountaineer to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. Dick.

Thirteen counties have been provided with secretaries, and the total membership is 614.

Mrs. J. B. Garden, state auditor, reported receipts for fees, \$64.41. Fees sent to headquarters at New York, \$19.75; sundry expenses, \$11.61; balance on hand, \$33.05.

The delegates convened in the First Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. Dr. D. A. Cunningham, after the prayer, welcomed the delegates in a splendid address, paying high tribute to the order, both for its workings at home and abroad.

The afternoon session was remarkable for the sensation created by Miss Elizabeth Cummins' paper on "Murderous Millinery." The cruelty caused in getting birds for ladies' hats and bonnets was set forth in stirring language, and the treatment of her subject by Miss Cummins had a visible effect on her listeners. It was a great plea against the present fashions. She said:

"Your secretary has asked me to read a short paper on 'Murderous Millinery.' I wish she could have gotten a more able advocate, but however unworthy I may be, I cannot conscientiously let slip such an opportunity of making a plea for the birds. She believes with me, that more people sin in this regard through ignorance than from vanity or wilful disregard of life. To quote Sir Herbert Maxwell, 'In this matter there is mercy to the bird, but no mercy to the bird who is killed for the sake of the present practice, for there can be nothing more certain than this, that kind-hearted women would never consent to deck themselves with borrowed plumage if they knew the irresistible mischief that has been wrought by the traffic that supplies them.'"

"It may be some of you, as it was to me not many years ago, to learn that the albatross, so commonly worn, are obtained from two or three species of albatross, and the feathers are produced on the birds only in nesting season. I will let Mr. W. H. Hudson, the well known naturalist, tell the story.

"Albatrosses," he says, "are the pendant plumes of eggs or white herons who just before, during, and immediately after, the nesting season, wear them as part of their bridal array. The egret, which at other times is a solitary bird, is gregarious at breeding time. Then the egrets congregate to the number of three or four hundred. The hunter chooses this time because then the parent birds will not go far from their nests. I have seen how they act when the heronry is approached by man. They take wing and hover in a cloud over his head, their boldness, broad wings and slow flight making it as easy as possible to shoot them down. And when the killing is finished and the few handfuls of coveted feathers have been plucked out, the slaughtered birds are left a white heap to fester in the sun, and wind in sight of the orphaned young, who cry for food, and are not fed.

"About the cruelty of killing these birds when they are engaged in incubation and rearing their young, nothing need be said.

"Doubtless it is very great, so that men who live so to speak, in a higher world and are harder than women are sickened at the thought of it, but it is really a very small matter compared with the crime and monstrous outrage of deliberately exterminating snowy egrets, birds of paradise and numerous others which are being done to death.

Thought of the Cost.

"A dead and stuffed bird may be an object of scientific interest to a man; without the life and motion proper to it, it cannot be an object of beauty; but if it were beautiful beyond all other objects, the thought of its cost—the ruthless war of destruction waged against bird life and the irreparable loss to nature—would serve to make it appear ugly to the eye and hateful to look at, and no man who has given any thought to the subject, who has any love of nature in his soul, can see a woman decorated with dead birds or their wings, or nuptial plumes, without a feeling of repugnance for the wearer, however beautiful or charming she may be. There is nothing in the whole earth so pitiable as this, so pitiable and shameful, that for a moment, human cunning should take advantage of that feeling and instigate which we regard as so noble in our own species, and as something so sacred, the tender passion of a parent for its offspring, which causes it to neglect its own safety and perish miserably, a sacrifice to its love.

"Knowing this, it is beyond my understanding how women otherwise gentle, kindly, can still persist in wearing albatross, each one meaning the death of three to six innocent lovely creatures. Have they no regard for the sacredness of life? God certainly did not put these brothers of the air into the world for us to cause such suffering and slaughter. Is there not enough suffering in the world which we cannot help? This matter rests with women entirely. It is they who demand such things, albatrosses, wings, birds, and as long as there is a demand there will be plenty of hunters to supply the want—alas, though, there will not be plenty of birds!

"Last summer a New York Sun reporter happened to meet a man who had been hunting herons exclusively since 1874, and who had become rich in the United States of Colombia and Ecuador. He hunted in Yucatan and Honduras, and the first two years cleared over and above expenses, \$4,000. To quote his words, 'Everywhere in the regions I have been, and have ever heard about, a rapidly growing scarcity of egrets is evident. I am sure that in a dozen years more, that if the fashion for wearing feathers in woman's millinery prevails as now, there will be very few egrets left on the west coast of the whole western continent. I have talked with men who used to hunt herons and herons in the marshlands and bays of Peru, United States of Colombia and Ecuador, for the Paris and other markets, and they tell me that the birds have been so thoroughly wiped out down that way, that it is a loss of time and money to wet a living by hunting them. A millinery feather buyer who came down to the City of Mexico last January, told me he would never come to the way to buy feathers. The house he was with

used to buy \$25,000 worth of egret feathers in Mexico, Central America and Peru every year."

Counselors and Plumage.

"So you can see how the business on this continent has diminished. This hunter, you see, says nothing of the heronries in Florida, for they have long ago been exterminated. This is the story of the herons. Knowing it, can you conscientiously wear their plumes? 'What of the robins, bluebirds, swallows, terns, humming birds, sea swallows, gulls, owls—one of the farmers' best friends—blackbirds, orioles and all the other wild birds? The thousands of the carcasses on the heads of our friends and the hats of every other woman one sees, tell their story. Forty thousand terns were recently killed for the millinery trade in a single season on Cape Cod. Our English sisters sin in this respect, even as we do, for we annually export to them for millinery purposes, from twenty to thirty million bird skins.

"Let not the milliner deceive you with her plea that the birds are manufactured. Certainly some of the creatures she puts on her hats never flew or swam, but they are made from the feathers of some birds, a tail from one, a wing from another, a head from a third, a body here, a few feathers there, nondescripts dyed every rainbow tint.

"Some of the so-called albatrosses were sent to Sir William H. Flower, director of the British Natural History Museum. He says 'Within the last few days I have examined numbers of plumes, the wearers of which were priding themselves on their humanity, relying on the assurance of the milliner that they were not real egret feathers, but manufactured. In every case, it did not take a very close scrutiny to ascertain that they were unquestionably genuine. The only manufacture consisted in cutting the plumes in two and fixing the upper and lower half side by side. Thus one of the most beautiful of birds is being swept off the face of the earth under circumstances of peculiar cruelty, to minister to a passing fashion bolstered up by a glaring falsehood.'"

"A warning has recently been sent out by our department of agriculture, which says, that owing to the enormous demand for millinery, the wild birds are being rapidly exterminated and that if measures are not soon taken, most serious injury will be done to crops by the insects and noxious weeds, whose increase they keep down. The department estimates that the birds saved agriculture more than \$100,000,000 a year in the United States alone.

"I would like you to observe that I have been giving facts stated by unimpeachable authority. This matter is one of hysterical sentimentality. It is a serious and growing evil, which lies entirely in the power of women to abolish. I would like to read you part of a letter received last Saturday from the secretary of the British Society for the Protection of Birds:

"I went to a bird sale in London last month, of which I enclose you a list. It was one of the most sorrowful sights I ever saw, but I hope I did not see it in vain."

(Miss Cummins read the list, showing the sale of 600,000 birds at this auction). "That women, and men too, are exhibiting considerable interest in this subject, is witnessed by the revival of the Audubon societies in different states: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin and Colorado, all have Audubon societies. The members pledge themselves to do all in their power to protect birds, and not to wear the feathers of any bird not killed for food, the ostrich alone excepted. They, as we know, are carefully reared for their plumage, which at the proper time, are plucked out of them.

"How many of these King's Daughters will pledge themselves to protect these, our fellow beings, helpless, innocent, beautiful creatures? I appeal to you, mothers, for the sake of that Divine spark implanted in the tiny breast of the heron as surely as it is implanted in your own; I appeal to you, maidens, to your kindliest best feelings; I appeal to you all, women, save those whose lives are in your hands!

"He prayeth well who loveth well, both man and bird and beast. He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small. For the dear God who loveth us, he made and loveth all."

"We are forming the West Virginia branch of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society and I would be happy to meet any one interested in the subject. The evening session will be held in St. Matthew's P. E. church, and attracted a large attendance. Many came to hear the address by Mrs. Davis, and they were well rewarded. Rev. B. M. Spurr, rector of Trinity church, Mountaineer, officiated and made the address of welcome. His remarks were very appropriate.

There could hardly have been a more capable person to address the convention than Mrs. Davis. Her work as national secretary has put her in touch with the various state circles of the King's Daughters, and her work, as an earnest member and energetic laborer in the Master's vineyard, has given her ripe experience. Last night she spoke in glowing terms of the work that the King's Daughters have to do. They can advance the cause of the King by following the principles set forth in the order. The King's Daughters is no fad, she remarked, but a conscientious body bent upon doing good to all mankind. Mrs. Davis spoke at length and was listened to with rapt attention. She is possessed of a striking personality, speaks fluently, touchingly at times, and her remarks are very like those of a saint. This morning the convention assembled at the United Presbyterian church, at 9:30 o'clock. Officers will be elected and some fruitful topics be discussed. North street M. E. church will be the scene of the afternoon session, and the convention comes to a close this evening at the Second Presbyterian church. Mrs. Davis will make an address at this evening's session.

THE OPERA SEASON.

Lytic Company Draws Well at Wheeling Park.

Although the weather was chilly yesterday the audience at both the performance, matinee and night, at the Wheeling Park Casino, were large and appreciative. The company is even better than that of last season.

This evening "The Grand Duchess" will be sung and in this opera Miss Knox appears to the best advantage. It is bright and clever in music and situations. The engagement lasts two weeks and popular prices prevail for all parts of the house. Special motors run to and from the grounds.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

"The Grand Duchess" will be sung at the Wheeling Park Casino to-night. The property of the Springer Oil and Gas Company was sold yesterday at the court house in Moundsville, by Auctioneer Cunningham, to J. E. Clayton, for \$1,500.

The penitentiary board adjourned at noon yesterday, to meet July 13th. Elmer Donley, of this city, was appointed as supply guard, and Joe Campbell, colored, of Fayette county, as night watchman. An order was passed to advertise for bids for the erection of the new cell building.

Sunday evening next at the Second Presbyterian church, will be given a delightful song service, a continuation of last Sunday, when "Pilgrim's Progress" was the theme. This time "Christmas and her Children" will be rendered, with descriptive readings and appropriate hymns. The service is beautiful and instructive, and will doubtless be well attended.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mr. C. N. Mathony and wife, of St. Mary's, were in the city yesterday.

Mayor Simpson, of Wellsburg, was among the A. O. U. W. excursionists to the city yesterday.

Will M. Windsor and bride returned from their wedding trip to eastern cities yesterday morning, and are at home on North Market street.

Rev. J. L. McCutcheon arrived from Wheeling yesterday evening and has already assumed the pastorate of the Baptist church. Until the arrival of Mrs. McCutcheon he will be the guest of Dr. Reynolds. He will preach his first sermon as pastor here Sunday—Morgantown Monongah.

Dr. W. S. Hamilton, the dentist, leaves this morning for a ten days visit to the Nashville centennial. Incidentally he will attend the convention of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, to be held at the same place. Mr. W. S. Allen, of Tyler county, accompanies him as the fraternity's representative from the State University at Morgantown.

A Splendid Performance.

Of the Hyers' comedy company, that appears at Mozart Park next Sunday afternoon and evening, the Cincinnati Enquirer has this to say: Hyers' comedy company opened to a good house last Friday evening and the roars of applause which greeted them from time to time was ample proof of the excellence of their performance. Miss Mary Hyers and "Billy" Cook make a team worthy of imitation by some of their white contemporaries. Miss Hyers is certainly an actress of marked ability. Her part in "The New Woman" perhaps illustrated her talents as well as anything she undertook. The piece is full of bright comedy and was exceedingly funny from beginning to end. The specialties by Mr. Chas. Small and Mrs. Small, his wife, were very entertaining, especially the singing and dancing. The house was very well filled Saturday night, in spite of the bad weather and we bespeak a warm welcome for this company whenever they come this way again.

Henthorne Gets Damages.

There has been considerable interest felt in the Henthorne-Hancher suit, from Claysville, in which the plaintiff sued for \$10,000 for an alleged false arrest and imprisonment, made at the order of the burgess, Mr. Hancher, who resorted to that course when Mr. Henthorne refused to pay a license fee for his phonograph, which formed part of the entertainment at a gathering in a church there last fall. The jury, which went out at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, and was still out at the evening adjournment, returned a sealed verdict Wednesday morning, allowing the plaintiff \$150.—Washington Observer.

The plaintiff, F. M. Henthorne is a Wheeling man.

Another New Enterprise.

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BETTER PRICES.

For Pig Iron—An Advance of One Dollar a Ton Made.

PITTSBURGH, June 9.—The turn in the tide of business affairs seems to have taken place. This is especially true in the iron and steel trade. Some unseen force is at work boosting prices, crowded stocks are being contracted, the demand for material is becoming general and with each succeeding demand prices take a jump.

Two weeks ago pig iron was selling as low as \$8.50 per ton, and this price was quoted on pig iron from ore which cost \$4 per ton last year and had been stocked up over last winter. A manufacturer representative makes the statement that by June 25 pig iron "will be out of sight and none will be offered for sale, even at fancy prices."

The manufacturer's attention was called to the stacks of pig iron piled like mountains at the furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, also in the Pittsburgh district. "This makes no difference," he said. "Don't forget that many of these furnaces have not been operated for the past four months and much of this stock has been bought up, while the manufacturers see the wind gauge is changing and are holding on to their stacks of pig iron. Depend upon it that by June 25 you will see a scramble for pig iron from ore which none to be had at present prices."

"Pig iron was selling at \$8.50 two weeks ago. To-day dealers are slow in selling at \$9.50; it is an advance of \$1 in a few days. Billets also advanced a dollar a ton during the past week and \$14.50 billets is a thing of the past as far as the present depression is concerned."

One of the greatest surprises is the demand for wire, wire nails and rods. This, too, in the face of the failure of the attempt to organize a rod pool to control it and allied products. The pool failed of conception, but rods are still quoted at \$20.50 per ton, the same as before the bunch of manufacturers secured options on all the rod plants in the country.

Present indications of an approaching boom in the iron and steel industry are not unlike the boom of 1895, when billets jumped from \$14.50 per ton to \$21.50, finally falling back to \$17.50 and remaining there during the remainder of the year. The rise in 1895 came without warning and dealers tumbled over each other to secure stocks, and prices bounded up daily.

Western Union Dividend.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company to-day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 14 per cent, in accordance with the recommendation of the executive committee.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The fire department was called out last night by a slight fire in the residence of Mrs. Rudolph Gauthier, on Center street near Main. The children were playing in an upstairs room and set the bed on fire and this caused much smoke and some excitement. The flames were extinguished by the time the department arrived, although excellent time was made. The alarm was turned in from box 15.

Two mandolin clubs, the Twentieth Century and Oriental, will play at the lawn fete to be given to-morrow evening at the residence of C. H. Carpenter on Fourth street.

Miss Clara Sheets and Misses Carrie and Ethel Hobbs and Miss Riley will ride to Barnesville on their wheels to-day, where they will visit friends until Monday.

Miss Essie Boyd, who is attending the Minnesota University, near St. Paul and Minneapolis, came home yesterday to spend her vacation.

The first practice of the Buckeye horse racing team took place last night on the track near the Belmont brick works.

David Davis is moving his grocery in to the Wilhelm property on the corner of Second and Washington streets.

Miss Mary Tilton returned to Point Mills, W. Va., yesterday, accompanied by Miss Kate Chambers.

Mrs. Robert G. Heslop and two children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beymer, at Allegheny, Pa.

E. K. Hoge returned last night from Cleveland, where he attended the convention of druggists.

Rev. Albert W. Harris, of Sonora, formerly of Martin's Ferry, was at Bridgeport yesterday.

Richard Melson has been granted an increase of pension through the J. T. Hance agency.

Dr. John Lyons and wife, of Mt. Pleasant, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanPelt yesterday.

A roll was broken on sheet mill No. 1 at the Actna-Standard on Tuesday.

M'ECHEEN.

Breezy News Items Gathered in the Busy Marshall County Town.

Petitions are being circulated among the citizens here to stop the picnics which are to be held every Saturday night at Wagner's Grove.

Engineer John Gillingham has returned to work after being off twenty days, caused by his wife being sick.

To-morrow will end the term of school here. Commencement exercises will be held at the M. E. church June 16.

Fred Hays, B. & O. fireman, has returned to work after being off duty sixty days.

The case of Marshall county vs. McMechen has been postponed till June 28th.

F. Legge is spending his vacation with his family at Hagerstown, Md.

List McMechen is home from Morgantown, spending his vacation.

Ed Murphy is visiting his parents at Greensburg, Pa.

W. H. Conaway was at Cameron yesterday on business.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Charleston...KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m.
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 1:30 a. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarksburg...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. RAYNE, 6 p. m.
Pittsburgh...LORNA, midnight.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Pittsburgh...J. K. REDFORD, 6:30 a. m.
Parkersburg...ARGAND, 11 a. m.
Matamoras...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarksburg...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. RAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Pittsburgh...VIRGINIA, 3 a. m.
Parkersburg...BEN HUR, 11 a. m.
Sistersville...RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarksburg...LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville...T. M. RAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

River Telegrams.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet. Weather fair.

STEUBENVILLE—River 6 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm. Passed up: The Defender, Tom Rees No. 2. Passed down: The I. N. Burton No. 2.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 2 inches and stationary. Weather clear and pleasant.

GREENSBORO—River 7 feet 8 inches and stationary. Weather fair and warm. The Adams Jacobs is due up and down on Thursday.

PITTSBURGH—River 5 1/2 feet and rising at the dam. Clear and cool. PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 7 feet 5 inches and rising. Weather cloudy; mercury 65. Passed down: The Keystone State. Passed up and down: The Argand. Due down: The Kanawha. Passed up: The Valley Belle. Due up: The H. K. Redford. The Little Kanawha is rising.

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